

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/700,602	<b>Applicant(s)</b> OKANO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Ernest G. Therkorn	<b>Art Unit</b> 1723	

**All Participants:**

(1) Ernest G. Therkorn.

(2) Harold H. Fox.

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Interview:** 19 August 2003

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

**Rejection(s) discussed:**

*None*

**Claims discussed:**

*None*

**Prior art documents discussed:**

*None*

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

*Ernest G. Therkorn*

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner initiated the interview to propose amendments to place the case in condition for allowance. The examiner proposed the changes listed in the examiner's amendment to place the case in condition for allowance. Harold H. Fox then authorized the examiner to make the changes by examiner's amendment. Harold H. Fox then brought EP534016 and WO98/33,064 to the examiner's attention from a European Search Report. The examiner indicated that he preferred to cite these on a PTO-892 rather than on an IDS. US 6,372,141 B1 is cited by the examiner because it corresponds to the Japanese language WO98/33,064. .